

Remarks

This Response is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination and specifically addresses the comments raised in the May 19, 2011 Advisory Action.

The Applicants have amended Claims 12 and 22 to recite that the semi-aromatic polyamide consists of a dicarboxylic acid unit containing a terephthalic acid and/or naphthalenedicarboxylic acid unit in a proportion of about 50 mol% or more based on all dicarboxylic acid units, and a diamine unit containing a 1,9-nonane-diamine and/or 2-methyl-1,8-octanediamine unit in a proportion of about 60 mol% or more based on all diamine units.

Entry of the above amendments into the official file and consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action notes that the claims as written only require that the specific diamines and dicarboxylic acid units mentioned in those claims are the main diamine and dicarboxylic units. As noted above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to Claims 12 and 22 clarify which diamines and dicarboxylic acid units are present. The Applicants' use of "consisting of" excludes other such units. As a consequence, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections based on Nishi and Nishi JP, and Nishi JP and Audenaert is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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